

THE WEEK IN NEGRO AFFAIRS

- S. Carolina on Spot
- Mrs. Bethune Mourned

SOUTH CAROLINA'S constitution became the first target of a court suit, when the U. S. Court of Appeals received a brief arguing that the state's segregation laws conflicted with the U. S. Constitution. The action grew out of an incident in Columbia, S. C. last year when a passenger, Mrs. Sara Mae Fleming was assaulted and thrown from a bus in a dispute over jim-crow seating.

THOUSANDS gathered to pay last tribute to the late Dr. Mary McCleod Bethune at the school she had founded, Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Florida. Notables throughout the country mourned the noted educator who was born of slave parents and became one of the nation's most prominent

figures in education and politics, and women's organizations.

SHERIFF WILLIS McCALL, notorious white supremacist of Lake County, Florida, shot another Negro last week. McCall became notorious when he murdered a manacled Negro prisoner and wounded another in the Groveland Four "rape" frameup. No charge has been lodged against the sheriff, who is an organizer of the racist National Association for the Advancement of White People.

A CHARGE of contempt of court was upheld by the Florida Supreme Court against white author William Bradford Huie. Huie had tried to secure justice for Mrs. Ruby McCollum, accused of the murder of her white lover. Huie has produced material to show that the slain man was connected with local rackets, and implied that the judge in the case wanted to keep Mrs. McCollum from talking. Huie was sent to jail, but will appeal his sentence.

BECAUSE they oppose bias a group of scientists have withdrawn from the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be held this year in Atlanta, Ga. Voting by mail ballot, the Anthropologists' section, consisting of 484 members, voted not to attend the meeting because Georgia's laws impose segregated facilities on Negroes.

THE ENGLEWOOD, New Jersey school board, was ordered to do away with two segregated schools and a junior high it had maintained. The State Commissioner of Education ruled that zoning lines for the schools had been drawn in such a way as to result in jim-crowing Negro children. Mrs. Mary Walker, a parent, had made the complaint last year, after new zoning lines were made. The State Committee Against Discrimination had been asked to intervene, and a public hearing had been held on the complaint. NAACP lawyers presented the

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